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**CANAVAN DISEASE: ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ASPARTOACYLASE
(MYELINIZATION)**

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The aim of the present work was to isolate and characterized brain **aspartoacylase**. By using various fractionation and chromatography procedures bovine brain **aspartoacylase** was **purified** approximately 70,000 fold, to apparent homogeneity. Gel filtration chromatography and SDS-PAGE showed that **aspartoacylase** is a monomeric protein with a molecular weight close to 58-KDa. The partially **purified** enzyme required

divalent cations for activity. The optimal pH was found to be close to 8.0.

The addition of chelating agents, such us EGTA and EDTA, had a severe inhibitory effect on the activity of the crude enzyme preparation. The later two effects were not seen with the **purified** enzyme.

Aspartoacylase

was also shown to be a very stable enzyme, especially in the presence of low concentration of non-ionic detergents.

Direct biochemical measures of **aspartoacylase** at different levels of the gray and white matter showed that the enzyme is mainly confined to the subcortical white matter of the brain. Polyclonal antibodies with a high degree of specificity against **aspartoacylase**, were shown to react with the enzyme in the subcortical white matter, following the myelinated tracks.

The importance of **aspartoacylase** has been recently underscored by

the finding that deficiency of this enzyme leads to severe myelin disorders, such as Canavan disease. Therefore it seems that **aspartoacylase**

and N-acetylaspartic acid have important roles in the myelinization of the CNS.

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Research Institute Miami Children's Hospital, FL 33155.

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Deficiency of the enzyme **aspartoacylase** and the accumulation of

N-acetylaspartic acid lead to a severe leukodystrophy and spongy degeneration of the brain, **Canavan** disease (McKusick 271900). Since our discovery in 1988 of the defect in **Canavan** disease, 144 patients with

Canavan disease have been diagnosed in our laboratory. Most of these children are of Ashkenazi Jewish extraction. The level of enzyme activity can be used for carrier testing. Prenatal diagnosis has been difficult using the enzyme assay owing to the low activity of **aspartoacylase** in cultured chorionic villus samples or amniocytes. The determination of N-acetylaspartic acid in the amniotic fluid is another parameter for diagnosis; however, the levels may not always be elevated. Bovine and human

aspartoacylase have been purified in our laboratory. Bovine and human cDNA and genomic clones have been isolated and six exons have been

localized. This information is being used for the study of **Canavan**

disease at the molecular level. (39 Refs.)

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